

B.T. Biggs Farm Stable (Westview)
East side of Route 435, .25 miles
South of the intersection with
Route 433
Summit^{grove} Vicinity
New Castle County
Delaware

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Summit vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) B.T. Biggs Farm Stable (Beers' <u>Atlas of Delaware</u> , 1868)		HABS NO. DE-226
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Westview Farm Stable		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Located on the east side of route 435 approximately one quarter mile south of the intersection of routes 435 and 433.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 3rd quarter 19th century (construction)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Westview stable (or horse barn) was an unusually well preserved example of a mid 19th-century stable with box framed stalling on the ground floor and an open overhead hay loft. The type is a product of the architecture of 19th-century ag. reform.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Braced frame (post-and-rail) construction on mixed rubble fieldstone and brick foundations. Earthen floored.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; gable end and lateral entries: approximately 25 feet by 35 feet.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE When recorded, the building had been stripped of its vertical board exterior cladding revealing the post-and-rail braced-frame construction. Of particular note was the purlin supported common rafter roof frame. The through purlins were carried on diagonally set queen posts struts.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Westview stable retained on the ground floor its original 19th-century box stalls and mangers. These were framed on diagonally-set studs footed directly into the packed earthen floor.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The building appeared to have suffered almost no alterations from the time it was built until its demolition in the summer of 1982.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Destroyed: Ø		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Horsebarns and stables of the type illustrated by the Westview stable became popular in the mid 19th century in southern New Castle County. As a type they were one formal option replacing the old tri-partite English style barns; they are also rarely found associated with bank barns of the period.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Cultural Resource Survey, DE. Bureau of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. <u>D.G. Beers, Atlas of the State of Delaware, 1868.</u>		
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